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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN
TRADE UNION UNITY

REF: TRIPOLI 0553

1. SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN
TRADE UNION UNITY ENDED APRIL 23. CONFEREES FROM 28
AFRICAN LABOR ORGA,IZATIONS IS OED DECLARATION OF
SOLIDARITY AGAINST CONSPIRACIES, SCHEMES OF IMPERIALIST
AND ZIONISTS OPPOSED TO THOSE STRUGGLING FOR LIBERA-;
TION AND INDEPENDENCE OF AFRICA. ONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED
ECHOED JALLOUD AND NEFFISHI ACCUSATION "REACTIONARIES"
ATTEMPTED TO PREVENT CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN TRIPOLI
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(REFTEL).

2. ANOTHER RESOLUTION CALLED FOR RAPID IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF THE SOMALI COAST (DJIBOUTI), RELEASE OF POLITICAL DETAINEES, REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES, ELIMINATION OF FRENCH FORTIFICATIONS AND MILITARY BASES PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE. FRANCE WAS ALSO CALLED UPON TO CANCEL PLAN FOR REFERENDUM IN DJIBOUTI AND BEGIN DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE WITH THE SOMALI COAST LIBERATION FRONT AND AFRICAN POPULAR LEAGUE PARTY, THE "GENUINE REPRESENTATIVES OF SOMALI PEOPLE."

3. FINAL RESOLUTION DENOUNCED TUNISIAN TRADE UNION, IMPERIALISTS, CONSPIRACIES AND ZIONISTS.

4. COMMENT: NEBULOUS CONDEMNATION OF "IMPERIALISTS AND ZIONISTS IN FINAL RESOLUTIONS WERE PREDICTABLE FROM OPENING NOTE OF CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, SPECIFIC EMPHASIS ON RATHER OBSCURE ISSUE OF FRENCH MINE FIELDS AROUND DJIBOUTI AND REPATRIATION OF SOMALI REFUGEES SUGGESTS AFRICAN LABOR DELEGATES WERE MINDFUL OF NOTE OF CAUTION SOUNDED BY OAU CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS' COMMISSION (REFTEL). LARG APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN LABOR UNIONS AND AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS DID NOT MATERIALIZE IN FORM OF RESOLUTION. REASON MAY HAVE BEEN OAU CHAIRMAN'S WARNING THAT UNIONS SHOULD MAINTAIN HARMONY WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS. WARNING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HEEDDED PARTICULARLY BY DELEGATES IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHERE INDIGENOUS INSURGENT MOVEMENTS EXIST AGAINST THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

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